

Things Fall Apart, Chapters 1-2

1. How had Okonkwo made himself the village hero at eighteen years old?
2. Describe him as he is twenty years later.
3. Describe Unoka. How did he compare with his son Okonkwo?
4. Describe the kola nut ceremony as it was performed by the two friends.
5. What was the real purpose of Okoye's visit?
6. What excuse did Unoka give for giving Okoye any money?
7. What evidence of success does Okonkwo have? How does he compare himself to his father?
8. What are the two superstitions that the Ibo people hold?
9. What proverb does the author quote about the moonlit night? What does it mean?
10. From what does Okonkwo drink his wine? Is this the only one he has?
11. Of what crime is the village of Mbaino guilty?

12. Describe the justice system used. What is the ultimatum?
13. Describe Umuofia's potent medicine. Of what does it remind them and their neighbors?
14. Who or what decides if the Umuofia should go to war? Why would this be just a war?
15. What is the fate of the young girl? the young boy?
16. What is Okonkwo's deepest fear? How does this affect his behavior toward others?
17. Who is Nwoye? What does his father think of him?
18. How does his father's attitude and treatment affect him?
19. Describe the compound in which Okonkwo and his family live.
20. Why is Ikemefuna so afraid? What does this tell you about the treatment of children?